Job in IT enabled services

1910. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people employed with the Information Technology enabled services;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken to create more job opportunities in the Information Technology enabled services?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) As per National Association of Software and Services (NASSCOM) study, about 72000 people are presently employed in the IT enabled services sector.

(b) State-wise details of manpower employed in the IT enabled services sector is not available, however, most of the IT enabled services companies are in and around Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

(c) India has been projected, as the preferred destination to out-source/out-locate IT software services requirements. As a result, as per NASSCOM, this segment has grown more than 70% during the year. Many major international MNCs/Fortune 500 companies have already set up their operations in India creating more job opportunities.

Hardships faced by IT professionals

1911. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feel that due to global economic slow down, IT professionals from India are facing hardships on account of layoffs in U.S. particularly in the post terrorist episode period;

(b) whether any study has been conducted on return of Indian IT professionals from U.S.; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to provide suitable job opportunities for them in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) There has been an ongoing recession in the US economy resulting in reduction of staff which include Indian IT professionals.

(b) and (c) While no specific study has been conducted in this regard, several policy measures have been taken to facilitate infrastructural development and attract foreign investments in the area of Information Technology for improving the position of employment in the country. Some of these are, setting up new Software Technology Parks (STPs) establishing Media Lab Asia, spread of Internet and IT enabled services.

Software Technology Parks in Karnataka

1912. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether KEONICS, Karnataka had sent proposals to open software technology parks ia various parts of the State;

(b) if so, which are the places proposed by the KEONICS; and

(c) the action, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1. Belgaum
2. Bellary
3. Hassan
4. Davangere
5. Gulbarga
6. Kolar

(c) Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) have informed the Chairman, KEONICS that the deployment of STPI facilities at various new centres is subject to initiation/clearances/completion of a survey about the potential and viability of each centre and financial